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SUBJECT: CRS REQUEST TO PROVIDE SUPPLIES FOR SHIPMENT TO
SOUTH LEBANON

REF: TEL AVIV 7606

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM CRS REP SHEEHAN THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO
APPROVE PROPOSED DIVERSION OF US-SUPPLIED COMMODITIES FOR
USE IN SOUTH LEBANON.

2. FROM LEGAL POINT OF VIEW, PROPOSED ACTION RAISES
NUMBER OF DIFFICULT QUESTIONS INCLUDING AUTHORITY TO
TRANSFER COMMODITIES IN ABSENCE OF APPROVED TITLE II PRO-
GRAM IN LEBANON FOR THE RECIPIENTS IN QUESTION, AUTHORITY
TO "EXPORT" COMMODITIES TO LEBANON, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR
END USE ACCOUNTABILITY BY ISRAELIS FOR CRS COMMODITIES.

3. FYI COMMENT: YOU SHOULD NOT SO STATE TO SHEEHAN
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BUT, IN FINAL ANALYSIS, 'HEAVY POLITICAL OVERTONES' NOTED

IN REFTEL ARE DETERMINING. SITUATION ON LEBANESE-ISRAELI
BORDER IS QUITE DELICATE AND PROPOSED TRANSFERS WOULD IN-
VOLVE USG IN TRANSACTION ACROSS INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED
BORDER WITHOUT APPROVAL OF CENTRAL LEBANESE GOVERNMENT OF

PRES. SARKIS, THE THRUST OF USG POLICY IN LEBANON IS TO
SUPPORT THE SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND IN-
DIVISABILITY OF LEBANON AND TO BOLSTER THE EFFORTS OF
SARKIS AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THE
SITUATION. PARTICIPATION, HOWEVER INDIRECTLY, IN THE
PROPOSED TRANSFER WOULD NOT ONLY UNDERMINE THAT POLICY BUT,
POSSIBLY, CALL INTO QUESTION THE VIABILITY OF OUR SUBSTAN-
TIAL CONTINUING AND POTENTIAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. END FYI COMMENT. KISSINGER

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